

DURBIN UPHOLDS

"You Have Struck the Key-note of a National Necessity,"
Writes the Governor.

PRAISES ARE GENERAL

Southern Governors Applaud Mr.
Roosevelt's Letter as a Strong
Plea for Order.

SPEEDY TRIALS ARE URGED

President's Views on Freeing the Law
from Technicalities and Delay Are
Especially Commended.

INDIANAPOLIS, Monday.—Governor Durbin to-day sent a formal reply to the letter he received yesterday from President Roosevelt concerning the recent mob at Evansville.

Governor Durbin says:—

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:—

"Acting in accordance with the suggestion made by the Secretary to the President, I, yesterday, telegraphed you my approval of the communication you have

been fit to address to me under date of August 8. In doing this, I proceeded on the well warranted belief that the commendation you have so generously accorded to my official acts was not only incidental to the broader purpose of your admirable letter, which is a moving appeal to the conscience and the patriotism, destined, in my opinion, to profoundly affect public

"In this instance, as in other emergencies, you have spoken with the courage of conviction, with the eloquence of earnestness and under the inspiration of the clear understanding of and devotion to the duty."

"I feel that you have struck the keynote of a national necessity when you say that all public men, all writers of the press, all clergymen, all teachers, all who in any way have a right to address the people

should with every energy unite to denounce such crimes and to support those engaged in putting them down, and declare the correlated doctrine that 'we must show that the law is adequate to deal with crime by freeing it from every vestige of technicality and delay.'

"Your stirring words will serve to press home upon the people a responsibility which, reaching beyond all those in authority, is after all essentially their own. To arouse the realization of that respon-

ability and all that it implies will be to eradicate conditions which otherwise may soon become, as you point out so clearly, an imminent menace to the very life of the Republic."

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INDORSED IN VIRGINIA.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

RICHMOND, Va., Monday.—Governor T. J. Montague to-night said:—"I applaud the President's exhortation. His letter is a strong plea for order. Private vengeance

and violence should never usurp the administration of justice, through the forms of law, or otherwise the remedy is as fatal as the disease."
"His advice to the negroes to denounce crime as well as its barbaric punishment is most timely, for failure to denounce is often condonation."

GOV. TERRELL APPROVES.
ATLANTA, Ga., Monday.—Governor Terrell to-day, in indorsing the contents of President Roosevelt's letter to Governor Durbine of Indiana, said:

"I think President Roosevelt is on the right line and I am in hearty accord with the views he expresses. The majesty of the law should be upheld, but at the same time there should be a prompt and speedy trial of the offenders in the case of this crime which most frequently excites the anger of mobs and leads to lynchings, and the punishment should not be delayed by technicalities."

NASHVILLE PAPER'S VIEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
Nashville, Tenn., Monday.—Much of the President's letter to Governor Durbin relative to lynching is receiving commendation at this place, where it is thought that the expressions such as he makes use of are sorely needed at this time not only in the South but all over the country.

As to one crime, the Nashville American takes issue with the President, saying:—"We know it is necessary to deprive the criminal of rights granted him under the constitution. We say this with sorrow. It is expressed by the fear that not even a negro, when he is rich, is safe from

him in court, a humiliation which just men will not demand and brave men will not allow.

GOVERNOR HEARD AGREES

Baton Rouge, La., Monday.—Governor Heard said: "I think the remedy for 'lynch law' is prompt and speedy trial. I agree thoroughly with the President in his statement that the cornerstone of the Republic, as of all free governments, is respect for and obedience to the law."

INDORSED IN TEXAS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

Galveston, Texas, Monday.—All persons interviewed who had read President Roosevelt's letter to Governor Durbin's comment on lynching, irrespective of color or nation,

INVESTIGATE FLOGGING

Georgia Legislature Denounces Whipping of Mamie De Cris, a White Woman Convict.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ATLANTA, Ga., Monday.—The General Assembly has determined to investigate the whipping of Mamie De Cris, the white woman convict, at the State Prison Farm. The Senate had a resolution today appointing a committee of five to ascertain

Other resolutions are pending providing for the appointment of committees to investigate the conditions in all the convict camps and on the State Farm. The charge was made on the floor of the House.

by two members to-day that the white women confined at the prison farm are compelled to work in the fields and to dig ditches alongside of negro women. Indignation over the whipping of the woman is increasing. It is still impossible

LOSES HIS IDENTITY

He is.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

PUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Monday.—The identity of "G. Foster," who registered at the Morgan House, in this city, Sunday night, and who is unable to recall who he is or where he came from, still remains a mystery.

The man seems intelligent and converses rationally except when questioned on past

He is about forty-five years of age. He says that he saw the name which he registered on an advertisement and remembered it long enough to write it at the hotel.